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RECENT STOCK MOVEMENTS TAXES ARE IN BAD SHAPE PRINEVILLE TEAM LOSES GRAIN YIELD FOR PAST YEAR

Record of Sales of Sheep and Cattle in Central Oregon During the Past Week.

The prevailing low prices being paid by the stock buyers for cattle and sheep seem to have served as an effectual damper to any large disposals. But few sales have been recorded in central Oregon during the past ten days, although the "woods are full" of representatives from different meat and stock companies. The following digest has been made of the various sales throughout Central Oregon as recorded in different papers.

At Fossil, I. A. Johnson last week sold 1210 ewes to S. Starr for \$2.25 per head. The sheep were in fine condition and the sale made at a close out price. Mr. Johnson retiring from the sheep business. Another sale of stock was also made in that vicinity to J. H. Phirman, buyer for the Union Meat company of Portland. The Butte Creek Livestock company sold him 100 head of beef cattle for \$3.35 per hundred, delivered at Shaniko.

Sheepmen from various parts of Grant county state that a large number of sheep are changing hands this fall at prices ranging from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per head. The latest offers are \$2 per head for a band of wethers to be delivered at Baker City, says the Blue Mountain Eagle.

J. H. Phirman, who is mentioned above, has been in Crook county during the past week, but so far as can be learned was unable to buy cattle at the prices he was offering. He made a trip into the Beaver creek country for the purpose of buying, but was unable to make any purchases. He was offering \$2.25 for dry cows delivered at Shaniko. It is said that the cattlemen in that district refused to drive for that price.

Hugh Lister, the Rabbit Valley stockman, recently sold 1300 yearling wethers to R. L. Hutton of Wagontire. The price paid was \$2.15.

A prominent Kansas City commission man in making a summary of the stock conditions says: "This summer has seen a demoralized market for several reasons. For two or three years the prices have been falling off on all grades of stuff. Then when the market was already bad came the flood in the Middle West. It laid out all the packing plants for months and brought the demand here to a stand still. Cattle that had been coming to Kansas City, the greatest feeding and stocker market in the world, began going to other markets, Chicago and Omaha, principally. These markets were overloaded and the result was the prices shot down. The small markets, and those in the Pacific coast district, are regulated by the larger ones. The tight money market in the east had its effect. Cattlemen grew panicky and unloaded unless they could afford to hold. The demand now is great enough and the supply is not up to the normal."

The commission man quoted above states that the stock market has reached its low water mark, that cattle cannot possibly go any lower, and that better times are ahead. He advises stockmen to do their buying now so far as possible and hold their stock until spring when there will be a great advance in prices. Buyers for packing houses now, he says, are taking advantage of depressed conditions and are using every suasion to buy their stock now before the raise in values comes.

Residence Property For Sale.
C. A. Whitsett has a four room house with outbuildings and two lots, which he will sell at a bargain. See him at Saloman, Johnson & Co.'s store.

Supreme Court Decides There Can Be No Levy of Taxes for Coming Year.

If the decision of the Supreme court, handed down last Saturday is correct, there will be no levy of taxes this year and as a result every town, county, school district, and even the state itself will be cut off from revenues with which to carry on the government. It is said the state has never before been put into quite an embarrassing position as it is at present.

The decree of the supreme court is in confirmation of a decision made by Judge Cleland of the circuit court of Multnomah county in a test case brought against the county court to test the validity of the law which was passed by the last legislature. The suit against the county officials was instituted on the grounds that the act of the legislature provided no means by which a levy of the 1903 taxes could be made, and the judge granted an injunction as prayed. The county court appealed and the supreme court then rendered the above decision which completely annuls the act. It is probable that Governor Chamberlain will call an extra session of the legislature to pass another law which will remedy the present existing evil.

It was only about six weeks ago that the discovery was made that in amending the tax law and providing for the collection of taxes in the fall of the year, instead of the spring, that no provision for the levy and collection of the taxes assessed this year had been made. The court decision was as follows: "Whatever act shall be or shall have been regularly done under the old law, up to the time of the taking effect of the amendatory act, must stand as perfectly valid and effectual; but no act can be performed thereafter under the sections of old law falling within the purview of the amendment, simply because it will not then exist or be at all operative, having been wholly obliterated and displaced by such amendments. Such is the necessary and inevitable effect of the legislation, adopted, no doubt, in its present form through casual oversight and although it may operate unfortunately in leaving the state and its subordinate political sub-divisions without adequate revenues for the current year, the courts are powerless to remedy the evil."

BUSINESS FIRM TO RETIRE

Simpson & Wilson Preparing to Sell Their Dry Goods Business Next Year.

Prineville is to lose one of its substantial business firms some time during the next twelve months. Simpson & Wilson who have been engaged in the dry goods business in this city for the past five years are making preparations to dispose of their stock of goods and will retire from business circles here before the close of another year.

Mr. Simpson stated this week that they had expected to sell to other parties this fall, but that the latter had backed down from closing a deal with them after it had been practically agreed upon. The company intends now to close up its business gradually and sell its stock which will probably consume the greater part of a year.

Mr. Simpson stated as a reason for going out of business that extensive coal properties in southeastern Virginia were taking up considerable of his time and he felt as if his presence there would soon be needed. He is one of the largest stock holders in the mines in that district which have recently sold \$100,000 worth of property near the claims they are working. Two railroads have recently built into the district and the mines themselves have been on a paying basis for several years.

Haystackers Walk Away With Sunday's Game Which was as Easy as Marbles.

First Game.
Prineville 6; Ravens 6.
Game called in 8th inning on account of darkness.

Second Game.
Prineville 1; Ravens 13.
Should have been called about the 4th inning to save the home team from disgrace.

It was a duplicate of the Antelope catastrophe. Perhaps a little worse. Prineville put up a stiff game Saturday afternoon, and held the opposing team down to an even score, but Sunday—it was so close to a goose egg 'twas a shame to break it.

The first game was a speedy one. Prineville led off with three runs in the first inning and kept in the lead until the Ravens made the tying score in the first half of the eighth. After that it was a case of tie a candle onto the ball so it could be seen or call the game on account of darkness. Both teams were willing to do this so the game was played off Sunday forenoon. The line up was as follows:

Prineville—Jordan c; Brattain lb; Foster 2b; Rowell 3b; Richardson ss; H. Smith lf; Rosenberg cf; Knorr rf; Brock p; Smith p.

Ravens—Hinton ss; J. Barber c; Doze 2b; A. Cook lb; W. Barber rf; Corwin lf; R. Cook 3b; Rodman cf; Larson p.

The Ravens started off with six scores in the first inning and kept the liek up until they had piled up thirteen. Prineville managed to sneak in alone run in the eighth when Rodman held a fly in the center long enough for Richardson to steal home from third. But that was all. The coat of white-wash with its one black streak was administered gently but rubbed in thoroughly and the Ravens demonstrated the fact that they can handle a horse hide and know the points of the game. Larson pitched a magnificent game for the Haystackers, only two scratch hits being made. He gave but one base on balls and the rest of the time kept the home team looking silly. Smith pitched as good a game as could be expected with the ragged support given him and played most of the game himself. The score by innings for the two game was as follows:

Saturday's Game.
Prineville.....3 0 1 0 1 1 0 —6
Ravens.....2 0 0 2 0 1 1 —6

Sunday's Game.
Prineville...0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 —1
Ravens...6 2 0 0 1 1 0 3 —13

WORK FOR LEGISLATURE

Much Business Besides That of Fixing Tax Laws Will Come Up at Extra Session.

It has now been assured that Governor Chamberlain will call an extra session of legislature during the next month at which several important measures besides that of fixing the tax law will come up for action.

A new joint state senator for the senatorial district composed of Lake, Klamath, Crook and Wasco counties will have to be elected, and the vacancies left by senators Fulton and Daly will also have to be filled.

Many of the legislative members have expressed themselves as being in favor of action on the portage road. Reports from the engineers on the road are desired and it is thought best to take into consideration the difficulties that have arisen in regard to construction. The business to come before the legislature will be great enough to keep that body in session for several weeks.

Itemized Report of the Production of the Various Cereals in This County for 1903.

In response to requests sent out by the Journal to the different threshing outfits throughout the county, the following grain reports have been received showing almost the exact number of bushels of wheat, oats, rye and barley raised during the past season. The reports are arranged so as to show the number of bushels raised and threshed in each district.

BEAVER CREEK AND UPPER OCHOCO.			
Wheat	Oats	Rye	Barley
2287	10,587	5459	3108

HAYSTACK, MCKAY, LOWER OCHOCO			
Wheat	Oats	Rye	Barley
15,782	16,941	1796	14,427

LOWER OCHOCO AND HAYSTACK			
Wheat	Oats	Rye	Barley
15,800	16,635	1810	14,410

LAMONTA			
Wheat	Oats	Rye	Barley
4967	3674	1438	2846

TOTAL PRODUCTION			
Wheat	Oats	Rye	Barley
38,836	47,437	10,503	34,791

From the above figures the yield of wheat for the past season is shown to be somewhat smaller than that of last year. The production in the Beaver Creek districts was over 3000 bushels short of last season, but in the Haystack country the yield was a trifle larger.

TIMBER POOL IS GROWING

Many Owners of Claims Have Signified Willingness to Hold for Higher Prices.

The movement started last week to pool the timber claims in Lake and Klamath counties seems to have struck the right spot. A large number of Crook county residents owning timber in that belt have signed the agreement to hold for \$3000 per quarter section and many others have signified their willingness to do likewise in the near future.

When Dr. Winnard returned to Albany he stopped at Moro and Grass Valley where about twenty Lake county timber claimants live. It is said that every one of these without a single exception agreed to go into the pool and six of them signed the agreement at the depot.

J. F. Spinning, who has the Crook county end of the matter in charge, has sent out about 100 agreements to be signed and a large number of them have been filled out and returned to him. It is probable that inside of another month fully 100 claimants will have joined the pool which is conceded to be for the best interests of everyone owning timber in that belt. It is understood that the Gilchrist people, who a month ago were offering \$800 per quarter section, have decided that the tracts are now worth \$1000, and will pay a little bit more if you say noth'n; about it. From present indications it looks as if the thermometer would rise a few degrees yet before the winter is over.

CLUB BUYS MILLING PLANT

Athletic Association Will Issue Bonds to Purchase Planning Mill Property.

The Athletic Association, decided at its meeting Wednesday night to issue bonds to the amount of \$2500 and purchase the three lots and building belonging to the Ochoco Milling company for its grounds and club house.

The association at present has about \$800 in its treasury and with the additional \$2500 to be received from the sale of bonds will have sufficient money to buy the property and furnish the building for its requirements. The bonds are to be issued for \$10 each and will bear 10 per cent interest. It is expected that a large number of them will be bought by the association members themselves.